

Report of Findings and Recommendations of the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

I. DIRECTIVES

In accordance with Legislative Council Resolution 13-01, the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana was charged with studying the following topics:

- A. The study topics assigned to the commission by SEA 125-2013, SECTION 1 (vulnerable youth).
- B. The study topics assigned to the Committee on Child Care (IC 12-17.2-3.3-2) by SEA 305-2013, SECTION 18 (due process for child care providers).
- C. The following:
 - i. Whether Indiana should require a photograph of a SNAP recipient on the recipient's electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card.
 - ii. Whether Indiana should require a SNAP recipient to show the recipient's photo identification issued by a federal, state, or local unit when the recipient uses the recipient's electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card.
 - iii. Whether Indiana should seek approval to allow the distribution of SNAP benefits to a recipient on a bimonthly basis.

(SEA 530-2013, SECTION 2).

II. SUMMARY OF WORK

The Commission met two times during the 2013 interim session, on August 21, 2013 and October 16, 2013 at the Indiana Government South Conference Center.

III. COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No findings of fact were made by the Commission.

The commission makes the following recommendations:

- (1) SEA 305-2013, SECTION 18 (due process for child care providers).

The Commission recommends the issue be tabled.

- (2) SEA 530-2013, SECTION 2-addressing problems of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), as follows:

- i. Whether Indiana should require a photograph of a SNAP recipient on the EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card.

The Commission recommends no action be taken on this item.

- ii. Whether Indiana should require a SNAP recipient to show a photo identification issued by a federal, state or local unit when the EBT card is used electronically.

The Commission recommends no action be taken on this item.

- iii. Whether Indiana should seek approval to allow the distribution of SNAP benefits on a bimonthly basis.

The Commission recommends no action be taken on this item.

Minutes and attachments containing more detailed information concerning the Commission may be found at <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center/2714.htm>.